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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed April 11, 2001, please find enclosed herewith a copy of such Notice, an executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition and an English translation of the foreign priority document.

Small Entity Status is being claimed in this application.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$550.00 to cover the filing fee, surcharge fee, and non-English specification fee.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please preliminarily amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached Substitute Specification for the German language specification filed as the original specification with this application.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been replaced by a Substitute Specification.

The Substitute Specification is based on the translation (copy enclosed) of the German language specification and the Examiner has been provided with a marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification in accordance with MPEP § 608.01(q). The marked-up copy shows deletions in the translation in brackets and insertions to the translation underlined. The amendments have been made to conform the specification to U.S. format, and to correct typographical errors. It is respectfully submitted that no "new matter" has been added by this substitute specification and confirmation of this through entry of the substitute specification by the Examiner would be appreciated.

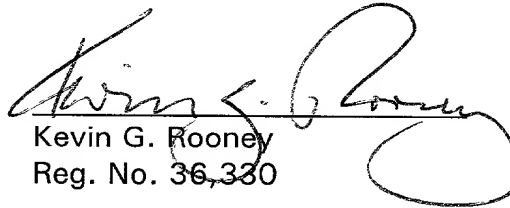
Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no other fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any other fees are necessary,

the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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